

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 2.5 Child Care Benefit

Question No: SQ15-000474

Topic: Childcare Subsidy

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Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah asked:

Is there are subsidy rate and benchmark that applies?

Answer:

The Additional Child Care Subsidy is a top up to the Child Care Subsidy and will provide:

- a subsidy equal to the actual fee charged (up to 120 per cent of the hourly fee cap) to assist children at risk of serious abuse or neglect irrespective of their families' income or the activity of the parents
- a subsidy equal to the actual fee charged (up to 120 per cent of the hourly fee cap) for families experiencing temporary financial hardship, for up to 13 weeks per event
- a subsidy equal to 95 per cent of the actual fee charged up to the hourly fee cap for families transitioning from income support to work